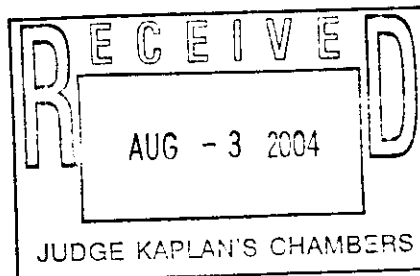


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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 AMERICAN STEAMSHIP OWNERS
 MUTUAL PROTECTION AND
 INDEMNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.,

Plaintiff,

- against -

Alcoa Steamship Co., Inc.
 and the Other Entities Listed on Exhibit A
 attached to the Second Amended Complaint

Defendants.
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NOTICE OF DISMISSAL

8/4/04

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(1)(a)(i), plaintiff, American Steamship Owners Mutual Protection and Indemnity Association, Inc., hereby voluntarily dismisses the captioned action, as against the named defendant, National Gypsum Co., which is currently known as New NGC, Inc. d/b/a/ National Gypsum Company.

This Notice of Dismissal is without prejudice to plaintiff's rights as against the original National Gypsum Company, (now known as Old National Gypsum Company) and its successors, the Asbestos Claims Management Corporation and the NCG Bodily Injury Trust.

Dated: July 29, 2004

SO ORDERED:

U.S.D.J.

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